

**U.S. Department of Energy  
Categorical Exclusion Determination  
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management**



**EAGLE LNG PARTNERS JACKSONVILLE II LLC  
DOCKET NO. 22-168-LNG**

**PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION:** Eagle LNG Partners Jacksonville II LLC (Eagle Maxville) filed an application (Amendment Application) with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) on March 15, 2024, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> and 10 CFR Part 590 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) regulations.

In the Amendment Application, Eagle Maxville seeks to amend its existing long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG), DOE/FECM Order No. 4975, which DOE issued on March 12, 2023, for a term extending through December 31, 2050. Under Order No. 4975, as relevant here, Eagle Maxville is authorized to export LNG in approved International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers on vessels in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by United States law or policy (non-FTA countries).<sup>2</sup> DOE determined that these exports qualify as "small-scale natural gas exports" under DOE's regulations.<sup>3</sup> Eagle Maxville is currently authorized to source the LNG for export from any of the 13 facilities listed in Appendix C to Eagle Maxville's original application.

In the Amendment Application, Eagle Maxville asks DOE to amend Order No. 4975 to add 28 facilities to its list of approved facilities, for a total of 41 facilities from which it would be authorized to source LNG for its small-scale exports. Eagle Maxville lists these 41 facilities in Amended Appendix C of its Amendment Application.

DOE's proposed action is to grant the requested amendment to Order No. 4975. If granted, Eagle Maxville will be authorized to export LNG sourced from any of the 41 facilities identified in Amended Appendix C to the Amendment Application, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in both Order No. 4975 and the DOE order granting the Amendment Application.

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPLIED:** B5.7 - Export of natural gas and associated transportation by marine vessel

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

] The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

] There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

] The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**Signature:**  Digitally signed by CHRISTOPHER BEATTIE  
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**Date Determined:** 06/12/24

**Christopher R. Beattie, NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management**

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* § 717b(a). Under Order No. 4975, Eagle Maxville is also authorized to export LNG in the same volume to FTA countries under NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c), on a non-additive basis. Eagle Maxville's requested amendment to the FTA portion of Order No. 4975 is not subject to this categorical exclusion determination.

<sup>3</sup> 10 C.F.R. §§ 590.102(p), 590.208(a)